

**AUSTRALIA**: Warm, dry weather enhanced winter crop development across the region while increasing the moisture demands of immature winter grains and oilseeds. In Queensland, conditions were favorable for drydown and harvesting. In northern sections of New South Wales, however, some stress to immature winter crops was likely, with highs reaching the low 30's degrees C on a daily basis. Dry weather along the east-central coast aided sugarcane harvesting, but moisture was needed in the interior for the germination of rainfed summer crops. Rain is also needed in the driest sections of Western Australia to help fill out winter crops. In New Zealand, mostly dry, seasonably mild weather dominated primary agricultural districts.